











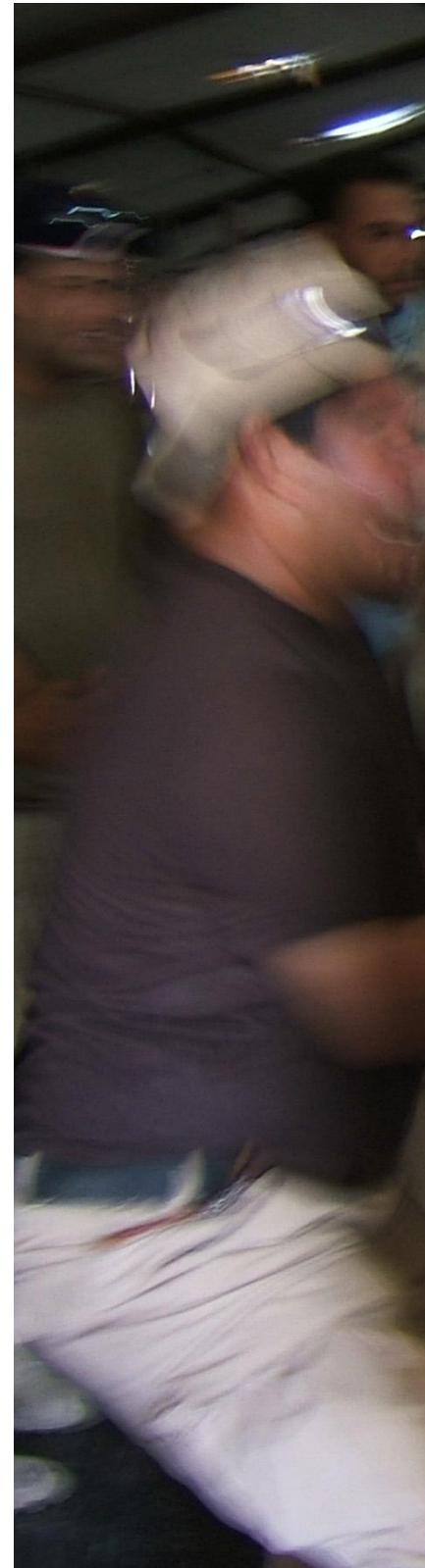
Left and Far Left: Iraqi police candidates conduct a physical fitness test administered by MTT 2 Marines.

“We give them a physical fitness test. We have them do push-ups and sit-ups, pull-ups and a 1500 meter run...they all have their own ways of doing push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups and, it may not be Marine Corps standards, but the effect is entertaining enough.”

Sgt Vernon Siders, Military Training Team 2

“One thing I’ve learned about people, all around the world, is that laughing is probably in the same line as music, like a universal language. No matter where you go, if you can make someone laugh, it tends to take away the frustration of not being able to communicate because you speak different languages.”

Sgt Vernon Siders





Above: Sgt Vernon Siders, right with back facing camera, draws cheers and laughter from Iraqi Security Forces through animated dancing.





*“Our job: we will live, eat, sleep,
fight, bleed, and die, with our Iraqi
counterparts.”*

Email to AST selectees informing them of their upcoming mission

Above: SSgt Tom L. McCarty,
AST advisor, assists with ISF
training exercise.

Left: Iraqi Security Force non-
commissioned officer disci-
plines *jundis*.



Above: Iraqi Security Forces take a break during a training exercise.